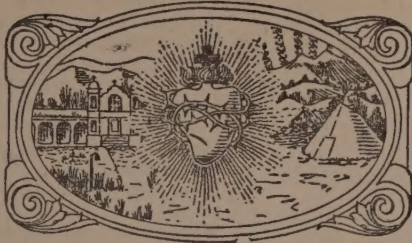


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Father Chiavassa

Father Delon Describes Death of Veteran Missionary

The death of Father Anthony M. Chiavassa on October 1 was, according to a letter of Father Philip I. Delon, Superior of Alaska, the death of a valiant missionary, the death of a saint.

Father Delon writes from Holy Cross, October 2.

"A valiant missionary has gone from us. The death of Father Chiavassa is a very great loss to the Mission. For two weeks, or more exactly, seventeen days, from September 13 to October 1 his stay upon earth was one continuous prayer. The sweetest and most touching childlike aspirations to Jesus and Mary and St. Ignatius, etc., were constantly on his lips. He longed for death and was filled with joy at the thought of going to heaven. He did not want us to pray for his recovery but only that the will of God be done. He begged me on September 30 to pray that the Little Flower, patroness of the Vicariate Apostolic of Alaska, whose feast we were celebrating the next morning, October 1, would come for him, so that at 1:25 a. m., as I was putting on my surplice to bring him Holy Communion, he passed away. He had just begun to sit up to receive Holy Communion when I came to him, and I was just able to give him one last absolution. He lived a life of self denial, prayer and humility and earnest zeal for the souls of

the poor. He died the death of a saint."

Cleveland Convention

Convention Urges Retreat Support

Throughout the United States there is a growing realization on the part of laymen and organizations of laymen of the great value and importance of retreats. How the Knights of Columbus in their recent national convention at Cleveland, Ohio, pledged themselves to an active part in the support of the "Retreats for Laymen" movement is told by Father Joseph R. Stack writing in the Catholic Laymen's Retreat Association Bulletin for November. Father Stack attended the convention in the interest of the retreat movement. He writes:

"Delegates from three of the greatest states in the Union, New York, Pennsylvania and California, were solidly back of a resolution calling for more activity on the part of Knights in promoting the work of retreats.

"The Committee on Good of the Order reported as follows:

"Your Committee is pleased to inform the Convention that it has been reliably advised that the laymen's retreat movement has grown to such proportions as to practically cover every jurisdiction of our Order. Your Committee has also been made aware of the fact that this very important work has been adopted and is being encouraged and prosecuted by various religious orders of priests

and is a movement that should receive the support of the Order.

"We, therefore, recommend that all members of the order take advantage of the opportunity to participate in these spiritual retreats, so splendidly conducted by the priests, as a means to securing additional favors and graces from Almighty God, and state deputies are urged to include this work in their programs of state activities and grand knights are requested to assist in forming retreat classes in their councils.

"In the remarks which followed the reading of the report, both lay and clerical delegates spoke earnestly on the value of retreats and their need if we are to combat successfully the evils of the day.

"On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, that the report of the Committee on Good of the Order be accepted and its recommendations adopted."



From The East

Feast of Christ the King at Zi-ka-wei

We had a truly Catholic celebration of the Feast of Christ the King at the solemn high Mass at Zi-ka-wei. The celebrant was French, the deacon Chinese and the sub-deacon American, Mr. Simons. The altar boys were all Chinese. They are dressed in a red cassock with a wide blue cincture, nicely embroidered at the tips. The altar, a masterpiece of wood sculpture, was magnificently and tastefully decorated with all kinds of flowers and shrubbery and large electric candelabras glowed brightly. The church was packed. The Chinese seminarians made up the choir. We heard our first sermon in Chinese. We didn't understand a word, although since the preacher spoke in Shanghai dialect and we are studying Mandarin, there is some excuse.

Mass at Mo-ghiao

Father Lennon writes:

"On Sunday, October 28, the feast of Christ the King, I had the happiness of saying Mass at Mo-ghiao, one of the mission stations in the suburbs of Shanghai. Father Tsiang, a native secular priest, in charge of this as well as twenty other stations radiating in all directions from Mo-ghiao at the center, came to Zi-ka-wei on Saturday afternoon to be my guide. We left here about 2 p. m.

and a walk of fifteen minutes brought us to the bus station of Tou-shan-wan. The bus brought us to the village of Pei-ghiao. And what a bus! And what a ride! Forty minutes of bumps in a machine that looked—and acted—like a converted Ford that should have been scrapped about 10 years ago. Everything seemed to be loose in the car and everything seemed to be loose inside of us by the time we reached our destination. At Pei-ghiao, the good Christian had a palanquin or chair ready to carry the invited 'Chen-Fou' to Ma-ghiao, but I figured that I had already experienced enough of the ups and downs of life for one afternoon, and decided to walk the distance with Father Tsiang. It was a lovely afternoon and our footpath followed the canal. At the end of 45 minutes we arrived at the mission—a fine church, decorated in Chinese colors and oriental design, and a residence that, except for a few conveniences, compares favorably with the rectories of some country parishes at home.

Sunday Mass

"On Sunday morning, I said Mass at 8:30. The church was crowded to the doors with a very devout congregation; some had walked miles to do reverence to Christ the King, and practically every one in the church received Holy Communion. During the Mass, as is the custom here, the congregation chanted the prayers, which, though very edifying may become slightly distracting to the celebrant, for each takes his or her own note; there is 'unity of wills' but lack of harmony in the tone.

Early Benediction

"After Mass we had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 p. m. when Benediction was given.

"The reason for the early hour for Benediction was the trip the pastor had to take to reach one of his most distant stations. He accompanied me back to the bus station and then went on his way, for a two-hour-and-a-half 'chair-ride' to his destination. I waited for the bus, foreseeing another rhythmic succession of jars and jams..

Home Again

"The twin towers of our Zi-ka-wei church finally loomed up in the distance—and the the end of a perfect day."

Brophy College

Bishop Gercke is Guest

Brophy college was honored on October 19 by a visit from the Rt. Rev. Daniel Gercke, D. D. He gave a talk to the students assembled in the house library, recalling that just forty years ago he was a pioneer student at St. Joseph's college, Philadelphia, even as they were now pioneers at Brophy college. He spoke of vocations to the priesthood and expressed the hope that some of those present would one day help to swell the numbers of the diocesan clergy, adding that whatever calling they followed, he hoped they would see the necessity of working always for God.

Chapel Nearing Readiness

The chapel will be ready for dedication about the middle of December. The main altar will be of cast stone with the decorations of the reredos of carved tufa stone. The chandeliers will be wrought iron to harmonize with the mission architecture. Stained glass windows are on the way from Ireland.

The pulpit is built into the wall on the gospel side of the high altar and is entered from the sacristy. In the space corresponding to it on the epistle side is a stand for a life-size crucifix. This will be of bronze, a replica of one in St. Etienne, Paris.

Father Rossetti Returns

Father Felix A. Rossetti has returned very much improved after a well-earned and much needed rest on the coast. Father George Wales of the New Orleans province has been helping to fill the place of Mr. Phillip E. Dupen who has gone to Los Angeles.

Trial Debate

The debating society engaged in a practice, no-decision debate with Phoenix Union high school and has another scheduled with them for early December.

Paintings Are Received

Father Rossetti has received two fine paintings for the chapel. One from the school of Del Santo is the gift of Count Minatto and is to be the centerpiece of the reredos of the main altar. The other, which is a life size picture of St. Anthony, comes from South America and is a gift of Mrs. Edna Green.

Loyola University

Loyola Boy Speaks at Coliseum

A five minute address by Karl Von der Ahe, 16-year-old cadet captain in the Junior R. O. T. C., of Loyola high school was a special feature of the Armistice Day Program at the Los Angeles Coliseum Monday afternoon, November 12.

Captain Von der Ahe spoke on the subject, "What Armistice Day Means to Young Americans." On the same program were Governor C. C. Young, who gave a short talk, as did other prominent officials of the military and naval forces represented in the huge parade.

Von der Ahe, who lives at 131 South Hudson place, was picked from among several hundred students to represent the R. O. T. C. organization. He is a senior at Loyola high school and a member and officer of the debating society since his freshman year, winning the excellence medal in his second year. He is a graduate of St. Paul's parochial school.

Nine hundred members of the high school R. O. T. C. marched in the Armistice Day parade as a tribute to their young speaker, according to Col. Frank H. Adams, grand marshal. In addition, 100 graduate officers of the R. O. T. C., in command of Cadet Major Leslie Kullenberg were included in the first parade division.

Gives Lecture on Italy

A lecture was given to the Empire sodality of Catholic deaf, which held a special meeting on Sunday, November 4, at St. Joseph's hall. It was an illustrated lecture given by Father George G. Fox and interpreted to the deaf audience in sign language. The audience showed especial interest in the ruins of Pompeii and expressed their admiration for the works of art shown in the slides.

Sacred Heart Novitiate

New Statue in Place

The novices began the long retreat on November 6 under the outstretched arms of "The Benediction of the Sacred Heart," a beautiful new statue which now graces their exhortation room. This model, the latest representation of the Sacred Heart, is regarded by some as the most artistic and devotional.

Improvement Made in Chapel

A large velour curtain which can be drawn across the front of the altar so as to entirely hide it from view during exhortations, class, etc., has been donated to the novices' chapel by Mr. Le Sage of Los Angeles.

Father O'Sullivan to Los Gatos

Father James M. O'Sullivan, until recently chaplain at the hospital in Yakima, has been transferred to the novitiate.

Brothers Remodel Cloister Shrine

On the feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, a new statue of that saint was placed in the remodelled shrine in the cloister. The work of re-beautifying the shrine was undertaken by Brother Bernard Bradley and Brother Laird.

Circle Presents Program for Year

The Roothan circle, an organization in honor of the Sacred Heart which took its beginning among the juniors at Los Gatos towards the end of the last scholastic year, is being enthusiastically supported by one and all. As evidence of the splendid cooperation and the desire of each to take an active part in the organization, stands the program recently given out to the members in which the book reviews, instructions and sermons to be given at the meetings during the coming year are listed, together with the names of those who are to prepare and deliver them.

Santa Clara

Donation To Chapel

A complete set of large missals and of missals for requiem Masses were donated to the New Mission church of the University of Santa Clara by Mr. and Mrs. V. Morabito, the parents of one of the students.

The missals, obtained from Europe, are an addition to our chapel that was essential.

Father Lyons Visits Home Parish

Rev. Father James Lyons, English professor at the University of Santa Clara, was invited by Rev. Father M. O'Gorman, pastor of Holy Cross church, Los Angeles, to sing the eleven o'clock Mass on Sunday, October 21.

Holy Cross is Father Lyons' boyhood parish. Here he received his first Holy Communion and was confirmed, and he returned to offer the

Holy Sacrifice as its first ordained priest.

Rev. Father Henry Welch, former chaplain at the University of Santa Clara, delivered the sermon.

Sanctuary Society

The Sanctuary has chosen December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as the day for the formal reception of the new members of the society.

Requiem Mass

The annual Requiem Mass for the departed members of the faculty and student body was celebrated on November 8, in the student chapel, by Rev. Father Rector. Father Dionysius Mahony, retreat master at El Retiro, delivered the sermon. Rev. Father Rector was assisted in the Mass by Father Henry and Father Shipsey.

Geology Professor Honored

A unique form of recognition was accorded Father Hubbard, professor of geology, when he was invited to speak before the La Conte club at Berkeley on October 12.

The La Conte club has as members professors of geology at California and Stanford, and has on its roster the foremost geologists of the world; and it is only men of recognized merit who are privileged to appear before this body. It was a tribute to Father Hubbard's skill as a geologist that he was called on to address this noted body. The only other Jesuit ever to speak before the club was Father James B. Macelwane, now president of the Seismological association.

The subject of Father Hubbard's lecture was the interglacial forest near the Mendenhall glacier in Alaska. This forest is the only one in existence, and its discovery by Father Hubbard marks one of the greatest achievements in the noted explorer's career.

Dramatics

The students presented three one-act plays in the university auditorium on November 22, under the direction of Mr. Edward Preston Murphy. The names of the plays were: "Copy," by Kendall Banning and adapted from the story by Harold Kellock; "The Drama," by Fredrick Karinty; and "The Vallant," by Robert Middlemas.

Reflector to be Mounted

According to T. H. S. Shearman, Canadian meteorologist, and constructor of the 60-inch reflector for the Ricard Memorial observatory, the mounting of the gigantic instrument will be started in about six weeks. The telescope will be set in the central dome of the new astronomical station.

Before the mounting can take effect, two large concrete piers will be constructed. They will extend from a distance several feet above the floor of the dome to the base of the observatory. The purpose of these columns is to support the telescope.

Seismographs Moved

During the latter part of the preceding week, the seismographs were moved from the old frame building in the vineyard, into the basement of the observatory. The work of removing and resetting the earthquake recording machines was done under the direction of Father James B. Henry, assisted by Albert J. Newlin, assistant seismologist.

In addition, the workmen are now stripping the interior of the subterranean seismological vault placing it in readiness for the arrival of the Galitzin and Wood-Anderson seismographs.

Landmark Destroyed

The razing of the old seismograph room of Father Ricard's old group of observatory buildings marks the passing of an old landmark at Santa Clara.

The seismograph room was built in 1907 to contain the earthquake recording instruments obtained at that time. With its peculiar features of construction, it was considered the last word in seismological observatories—now, however, it is replaced by the underground vault which will house not only the old instruments, but also the new ones to be soon obtained.

Oratorical Contest

Tryouts for the Y. M. I. oratorical contest were held before the entire student body in the university auditorium on November 9.

This contest, which is being initiated this year, will be an annual affair hereafter, to be known as the Sullivan oratorical contest. It was founded by the Young Men's Institute of San Francisco in honor of

the late distinguished jurist, Hon. Jeremiah F. Sullivan, who founded the Ignatian council of the Institute, and was prominent in the Sattle and San Francisco Bar associations. A prize of \$50 will be given the winner.

Father Hubbard Plans Lectures

Father Bernard R. Hubbard, professor of geology here, is at present carrying out an active lecture program upon his explorations and travels in Alaska this last summer.

Recently Father Hubbard lectured at Sacred Heart Convent in San Francisco where his topic was his travels in Alaska. This was accompanied by slides, showing the land of the Northern Lights and its fascinating surroundings. In his talk, Father related the weirdness and the beauty of the country, and illustrated these characteristics by the slides he has made from pictures taken this summer.

Starting next Saturday and every Saturday following for a month, Father Hubbard will lecture at St. Ignatius College on different parts of the northern countries.

El Retiro

Retreatants Gather

The splendid growth of the Retreat association was manifest on the occasion of the Fall luncheon held at the Palace hotel, San Francisco, on September 25. Meeting a few men each week end does not give one the opportunity to realize how these few coalesce into the larger body.

The speakers at the luncheon were but two, Father Joseph R. Stack, Superior of El Retiro, and Dr. Frederick W. Clappett. Father Stack, who had just returned from the Knights of Columbus national convention at Cleveland, whither he had gone in the interest of the retreat movement, stressed the fact that though California had been first in inaugurating retreats for laymen, she has not held first place in the matter of even proportionate attendance.

To Be Engaged in Portland

Father Stack will be engaged in retreat work in Portland until the first of the year. Meantime Father Raymond I. Butler of St. Mary's church, San Jose, will assist in the retreat work at Los Altos. He will conduct the retreats beginning on

November 15 and December 13. The remaining retreats will be given by Father Mahoney and Father Maher.

St. Ignatius College

Sodality Starts Work

The activities of the new sodality, so recently organized at the college, have commenced. Sunday, October 30, was the first Communion Sunday. A good showing was made by the students, who occupied the front section of the church, entirely reserved for them. Father McCummiskey, the moderator, celebrated Mass and delivered a sermon.

Father's talk to the sodalists at a recent meeting stressed the quality that should be found in a sodalist. The sodality has quantity, for three-fourths of the student body are already enrolled. But these men must become real men of Mary—knights of the Church in the prosaic, heroic knighthood of ordinary school life.

Another Addition Planned

St. Ignatius has taken another march forward, without pausing for the rest it might be expected to take after the new high school had been determined upon and started. Now it is an addition to the college.

So rapid has been the growth in the college student body that it would be impossible to accommodate any further increase. Work is to begin, therefore, during the Christmas holidays, on an addition which will be ready for use at the start of the fall term.

The wing will be added to the west wing of the present college building and will extend to the land now occupied by the Masonic cemetery directly in back. Four stories in height, and, of course, architecturally blending with the present edifice, it will be a decided new step towards a greater Ignatius.

The addition will include 20 new classrooms and accommodate 200 students. It will cost \$50,000.

Bellarmino College

Father Balfe Directs Retreat

The annual retreat for the students of Bellarmine high school was given by Father Joseph A. Balfe, November 26, 27, and 28, in the school chapel.

The exercises began each day with Holy Mass. Then followed the

opening lectures, classroom reading, the second lecture, the rosary and finally, dismissal for lunch. In the afternoon there were classroom reading, one lecture, and the Way of the Cross.

New Course Offered

Last month witnessed the inauguration of a new course at Bellarmine. A class in journalism was organized to supplement the regular work of the English department.

Manresa Hall

New Retreat Venture

Word comes from Port Townsend, that retreats for laymen will be inaugurated there next summer. As "Manresa Hall," a fifty room building, is unoccupied during the months of July and August and as it is further splendidly adapted for retreats, it has been decided to hold retreats for laymen during these months.

Port Townsend is situated 40 miles from Seattle and the men will come in largest numbers from that city. Thus the three great coast cities, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles are now counted as retreat centers, and the great work of laymen's retreats grows apace.

Mt. St. Michael's

Academies

Philosophy Academy — The new psychological theory on the province of instinct and intelligence, of Professor Max Schoen of the Carnegie Institute, was explained and clearly refuted by Mr. Floyd A. Brey at the November session of the Academy, in a paper entitled: "Intelligent Instinct; A New Psychology."

English Academy — "Joyce Kilmer," staunch Catholic, soldier, and poet was the subject of Mr. John Bradstreet's interesting paper at the November sitting of the Academy. This was the third of a series of papers being offered this year on "Catholic Writers."

St. Cecilia's Day

On St. Cecilia's Day, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Hugh F. Smith, presented a delightful musicale in the auditorium.

Line of Trees Lengthens

After some weeks of digging and transplanting, the line of trees along the road by the ball-field has

een lengthened to quite a noticeable extent and has been transformed

from the former single row, into a fine double row of locust trees.

Mr. Brannen Succumbs After Lingering Illness

Serenely confident and uncomplaining to the end, despite a three years struggle with tuberculosis of the lungs, and breathing a robust faith and piety made buoyant by long, intense suffering, Mr. Thomas M. Brannen, aged 22, scholastic of the Society of Jesus, died in Oakland, Calif., on November 14, and was buried three days later in the Jesuit plot at Santa Clara, following a Requiem Mass at St. Ignatius' church, San Francisco. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Brannen, residents of San Francisco. He entered the Society in July, 1923.

Mr. Brannen first became ill in the summer of 1925 while in his second year of novitiate training at Los Gatos, but the seriousness of his ailment was not suspected until fall, when a thorough medical diagnosis revealed the nature of the disease. After a more careful examination by specialists in San Francisco, physicians declared the young novice's case hopeless, and gave him but three months to live. The disease had already become so rooted that it was impossible to check it. Surprisingly hopeful, however, and determined to face the issue with boldness and nerve, he pronounced about Christmas time of that year the simple vows of the scholastics in the community chapel at St. Ignatius'; and then, in an emulative spirit of Christian sacrifice, began an uneven fight for life which seemed destined at times to prove successful.

First Regimen Successful

Because of the dampness of the coast climate, Mr. Brannen's physicians advised his removal farther inland where, it was hoped, the consistent sunny weather would at least delay the progress of the ailment. Accordingly he was sent to Nevada City, a mining town some hundred and fifty miles from San Francisco. It was here that, with splendid prayerful courage, he made his first efforts to outwit the doctors' disconcerting verdict, and to preserve that energy and life with which, as he himself expressed it in letters during this period of his confine-

ment, he had dreamed and yearned to achieve some little good in the Society of his adoption.

The California sunshine of the inland country proved more beneficial than even the fondest hopes of the young invalid had dared to anticipate. He was able at times to leave his bed, and could occasionally make his way to the parish church where he would try his strength on the organ, a familiar occupation of his in pre-illness days.

Model of Suffering

The improvement in his condition, however, was only apparent. After nearly a year at Nevada City, he was taken to a sanitarium at Colfax, California, where special "pneumothorax" treatments for lung troubles were applied by the doctors in attendance; but, upon its completion, he was removed to Fairfax near the beginning of the summer, 1927, and later on to Oakland. It was an entire year longer before death finally claimed the resolute sufferer.

During all these discouraging months, though fighting against the ravages of the disease with dogged perseverance, the young Jesuit bore his suffering night and day with a sunny serenity of mind and an uncomplaining patience that was an inspiration to those nursing him. He was always fired with the hope of getting back into the common life of the Society and of continuing that spiritual and intellectual cultivation proper to a scholastic.

He accepted the intensity and protractedness of his sickness, however, with perfect resignation to God's holy will, and anticipated the time when, as he writes, "we shall look back and see more clearly the finger of God in all these years of preparation."

Blesses Charity of Brothers

Despite the disappointment necessarily incident upon the negative result of his lingering combat with tuberculosis, ever more evident as one month passed into another, Mr. Brannen kept up a surprising buoyancy of spirit and would not allow

despondency to darken a persistently cheerful mental attitude. "When nearly all of the sap of vitality has ebbed from a person," he confesses in a letter written during the summer of 1926, "It takes a long time to even relish the thought of living, and then more time to build up for the accomplishment of an ambition that has returned. That ambition has returned to me, thank God! And come what may, it is all A. M. D. G."

A year and a half later, when the prospect of recovery was fading daily he could still write that he felt secure and happy in the providence of God. He had already gone nearly two years beyond the three-month period originally allotted him by the San Francisco specialists. "You know, of course, that the longer a sickness wears on, the harder it is to keep faith and courage," he wrote during the Christmas holidays, 1927, "and many a time have I struggled with despondency. The prayers of my charitable brothers have always revived me, so that, thank God, not once have I surrendered to despair."

Death Comes Peacefully

Enfeebled by his sufferings, it became increasingly evident during the past few months that the brave young man could not hold out much longer. A few days before the end, upon receipt of word concerning the patient's dangerous condition, Rev. Father Leo. S. Simpson, rector of the Sacred Heart novitiate, hurried to the dying boy's bedside, and found that he had practically lost his voice. He was suffering greatly night and day.

On the morning of November 14 he received Holy Communion and was anointed. He died later on in the afternoon, whispering with his last breath the Sacred Name of Jesus. His mother and other members of the family were present when the end came.

"He died a beautiful death," his mother wrote to former novitiate companions of Mr. Brannen, "he died saying 'Jesus, Jesus.'" He died as he lived, patient, resigned and peaceful. He was ever ready to go, but would say: "God wishes me to live a little longer. I have not yet accomplished what God has laid out for me to do. I must be patient a while longer."

Sixth Year in Society

All the Fathers, Scholastics and Brothers attached to St. Ignatius' college and church, San Francisco, were present in the sanctuary at the requiem Mass at 9:30 on Saturday morning, November 17. Rev. Father Edward J. Whelan, rector of St. Ignatius' celebrated the Mass, while Father Simpson read the prayers for the dead.

Thomas F. Brannen was born in Los Angeles, August 5, 1906. He attended the public schools until his eleventh year, finishing his grammar schooling at the Presentation convent. He entered St. Ignatius' high school, San Francisco, where he received high standing both as an earnest and talented student and as a musician. He entered the novitiate at Los Gatos in July, 1923, and from the beginning was looked upon as an exemplary novice, his quiet unobtrusiveness and his thoughtfulness of others causing him always to be liked and respected by his fellow novices and juniors.

R. I. P.

Alaska Missions

Missionary Stations Assigned

Appointments have been made allotting the territory to be cared for this year by the several Fathers:

Father Francis M. Menager is stationed at Hooper Bay; at Kashunak, Father John P. Fox. Father Francis Prange is at Nulato; Father Martin Lonnew at St. Michael's; Father Edward Budde at Ketchikan, while Father John B. Sifton has the residence at Akulurak. Father Patrick J. O'Reilly is visiting the missions in Alaska and upon his return will lecture on the needs of the various missions.

Deaths in the Provinces Of The United States

Father Patrick J. Dooley, October 9th, St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, New York. (Md.-N. Y.)

Father Francis J. Finn, November 2, St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Mo.)

Mr. Thomas F. Brannen, November 14, Oakland, Calif. (Calif.)